M-9 PISTOL PMI

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EQUIPMENT DATA

- The M-9 pistol is a semi-auto, magazine fed, recoil operated, double action weapon chambered for the 9mm cartridge.

Figure 1-1. 9-mm pistol, M9.

SAFETY FEATURES

- De-cocking/safety lever
- Firing pin block
- Half-cock hammer notch
- These prevent accidental discharge

WARNING

THE HALF-COCKED POSITION CATCHES THE HAMMER AND PREVENTS IT FROM FIRING IF THE HAMMER IS RELEASED WHILE MANUALLY COCKING THE WEAPON. IT IS NOT TO BE USED AS A SAFETY POSITION. THE PISTOL WILL FIRE FROM THE HALF-COCKED POSITION IF THE TRIGGER IS PULLED.

FUNDAMENTALS

- The main use of the pistol is to engage an enemy at close range with quick, accurate fire. Accurate shooting results from knowing and correctly applying the elements of marksmanship.

THE ELEMENTS OF COMBAT PISTOL MARKSMANSHIP

- Grip
- Aiming
- Breath control
- Trigger squeeze
- Target engagement
- Positions

GRIP

- The weapon must become an extension of the hand and arm. It should replace the finger in pointing at an object.

ONE-HAND GRIP

- Hold the pistol in the non-firing hand and with the firing hand form a V with the thumb and forefinger. Place the pistol in the V and wrap the firing hand around the pistol. Grip the pistol tightly until you begin to tremble; relax until the trembling has stopped. At this point the necessary pressure for a proper grip is being applied.

Figure 2-1. One-hand grip.

FIST GRIP

- Grip the pistol with the one-hand grip; close the fingers of the non-firing hand over the fingers of the firing hand, ensuring that the index finger of the non-firing hand is between the middle finger of the firing hand and the trigger guard. Place the thumb of the non-firing hand alongside the thumb of the firing hand.

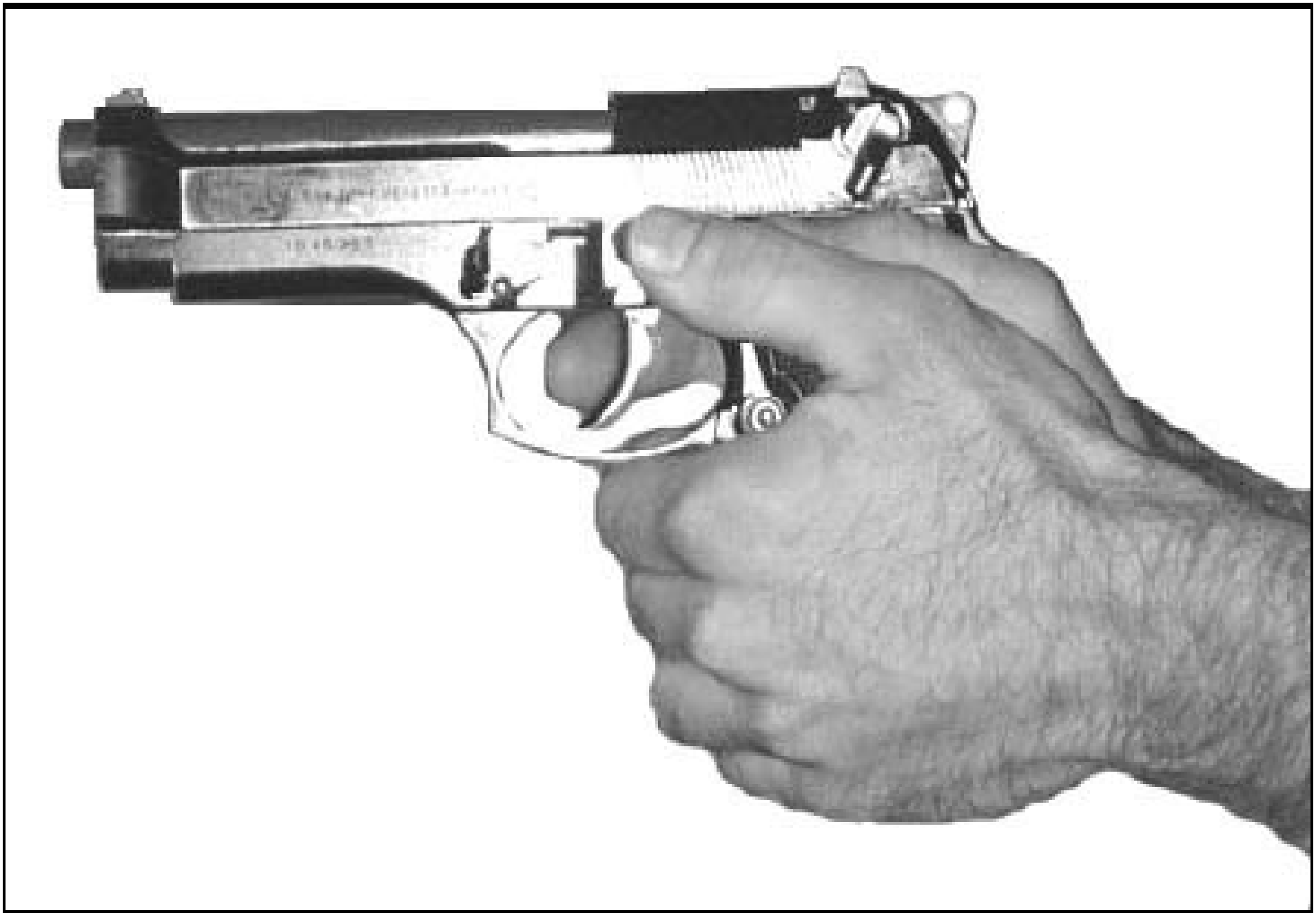


Figure 2-2. Fist grip.

PALM-SUPPORTED GRIP

- Grip the pistol with the one-hand grip. Place the non-firing hand under the firing hand, wrapping the non-firing hand around the firing hand.

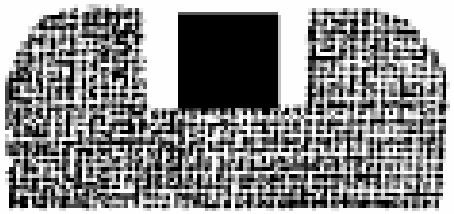
Figure 2-3. Palm-supported grip.

WEAVER GRIP

- Apply this grip the same way as the Fist Grip; the only exception is the non-firing thumb is wrapped over the firing thumb.

Figure 2-4. Weaver grip.

AIMING



CORRECT SIGHT ALIGNMENT

CORRECT SIGHT PLACEMENT

Figure 2-5. Correct sight alignment and sight picture.

BREATH CONTROL

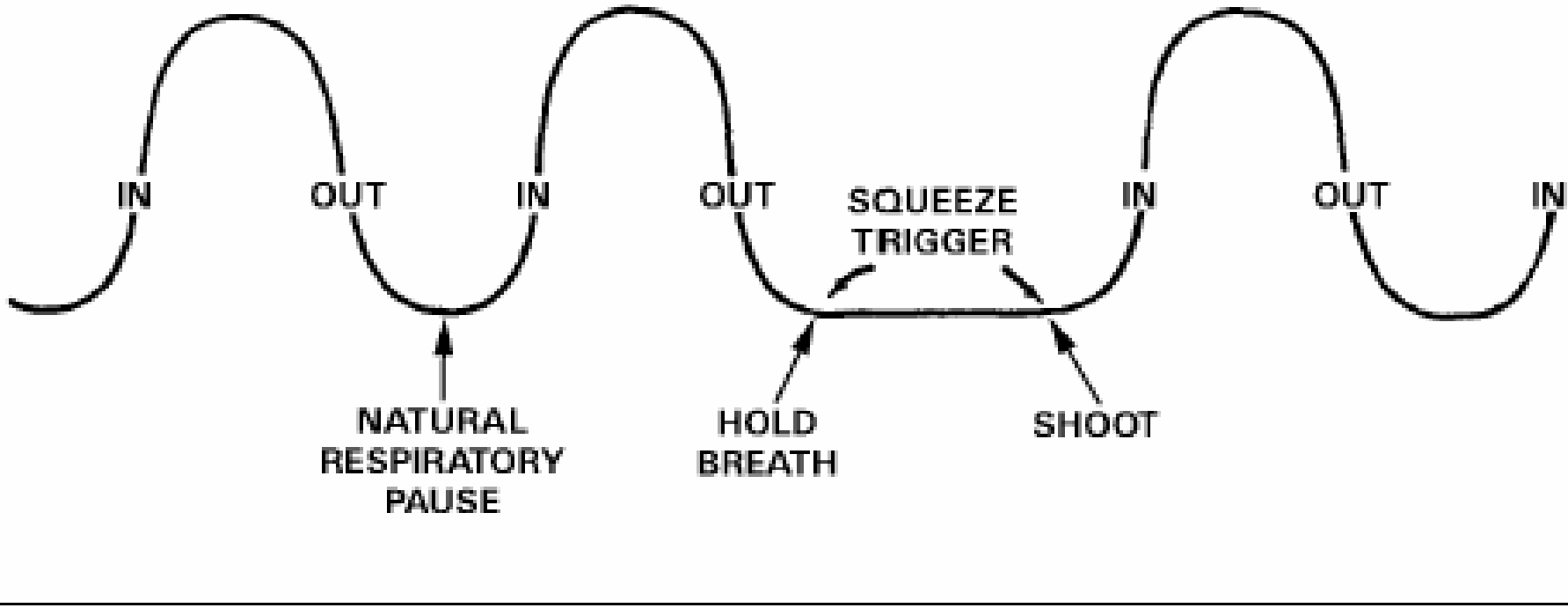


Figure 2-6. Breath control, firing at a single target.

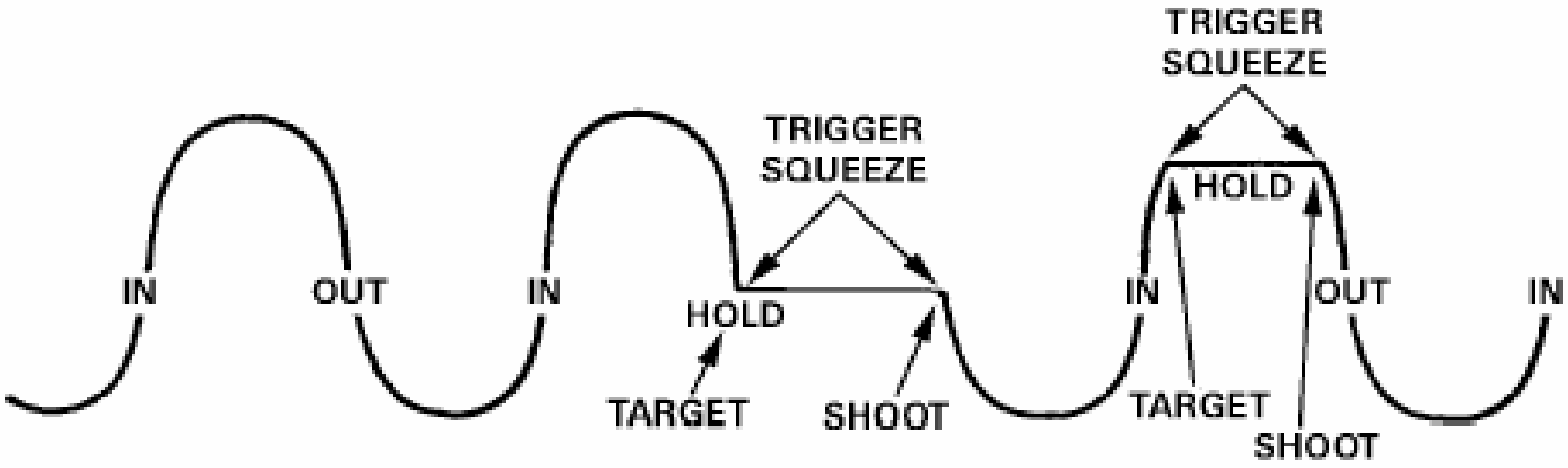


Figure 2-7. Breath control, firing at timed or multiple targets.

POSITIONS

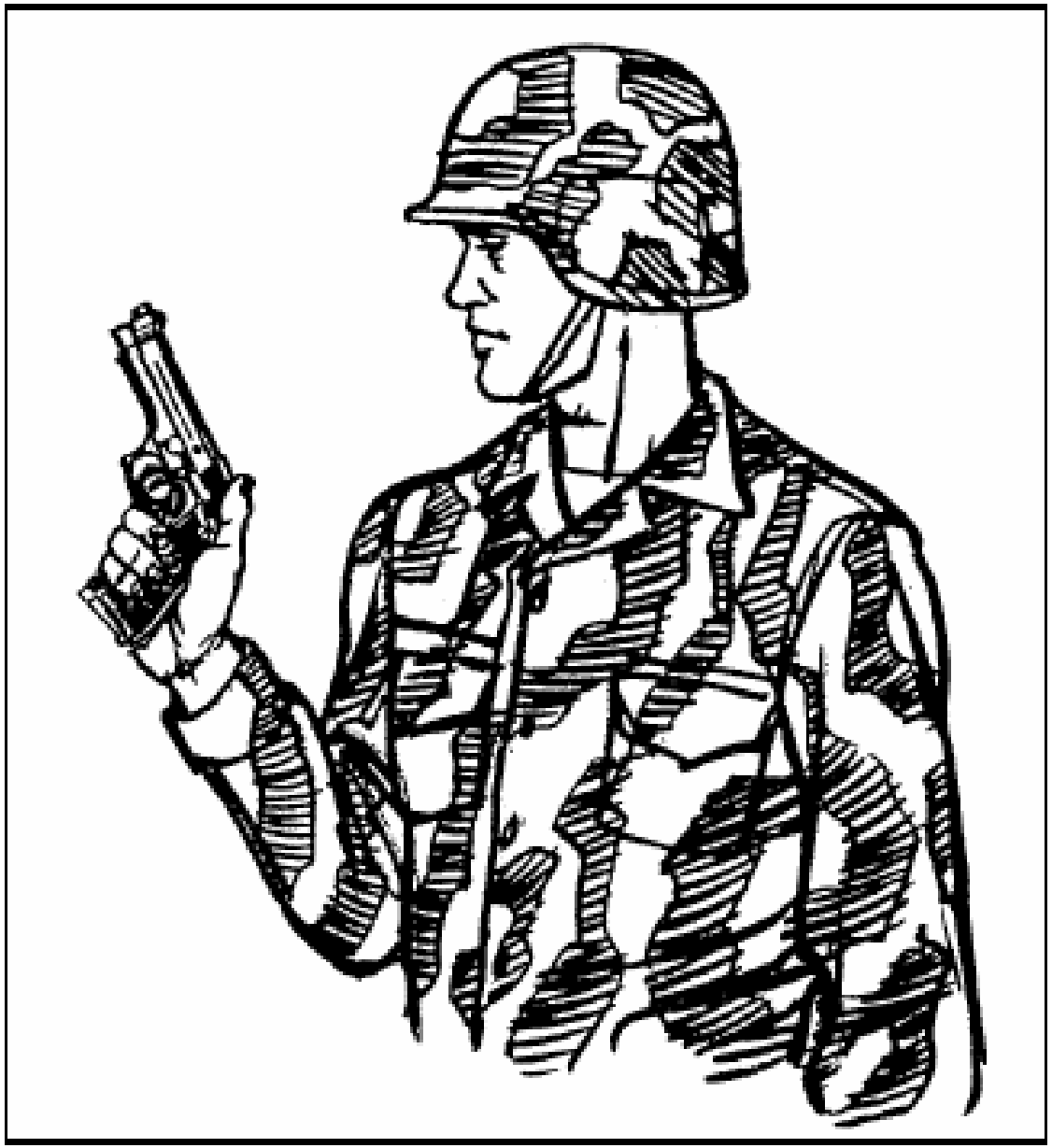


Figure 2-8. Pistol-ready position.

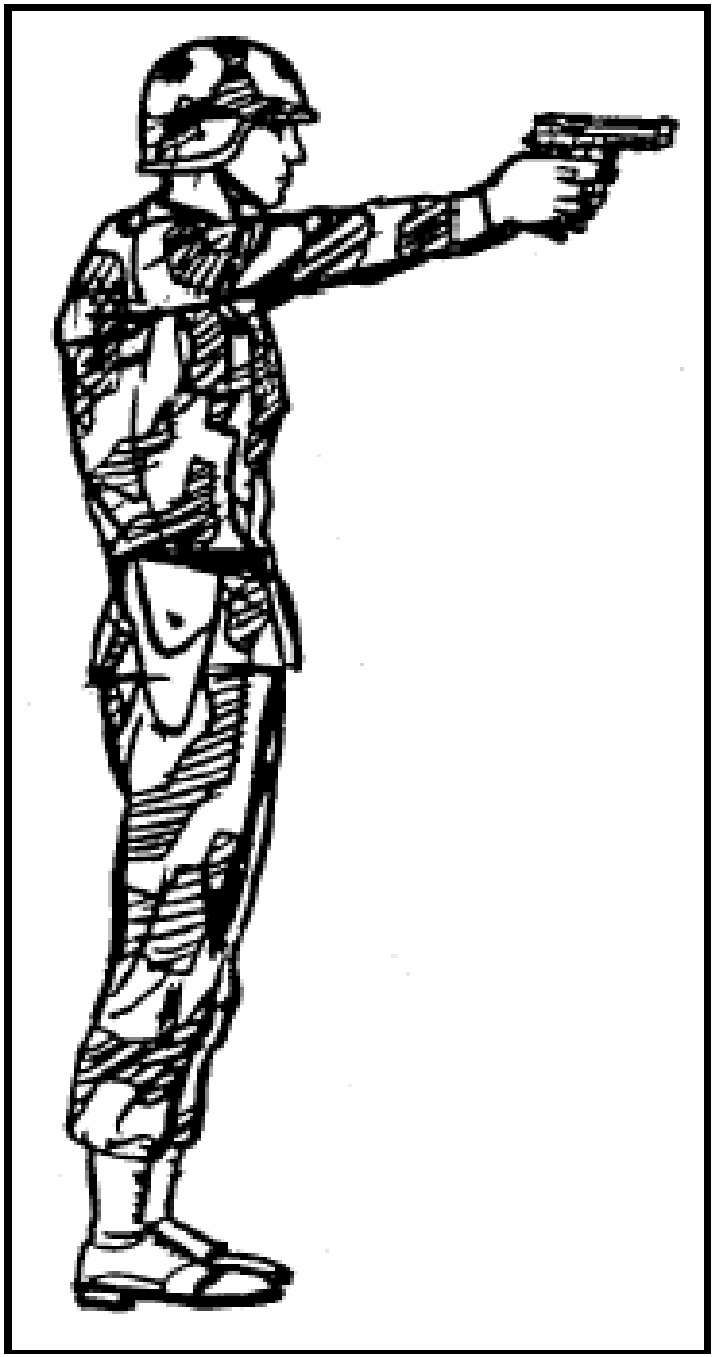


Figure 2-9. Standing position without support.

Figure 2-10. Kneeling position.

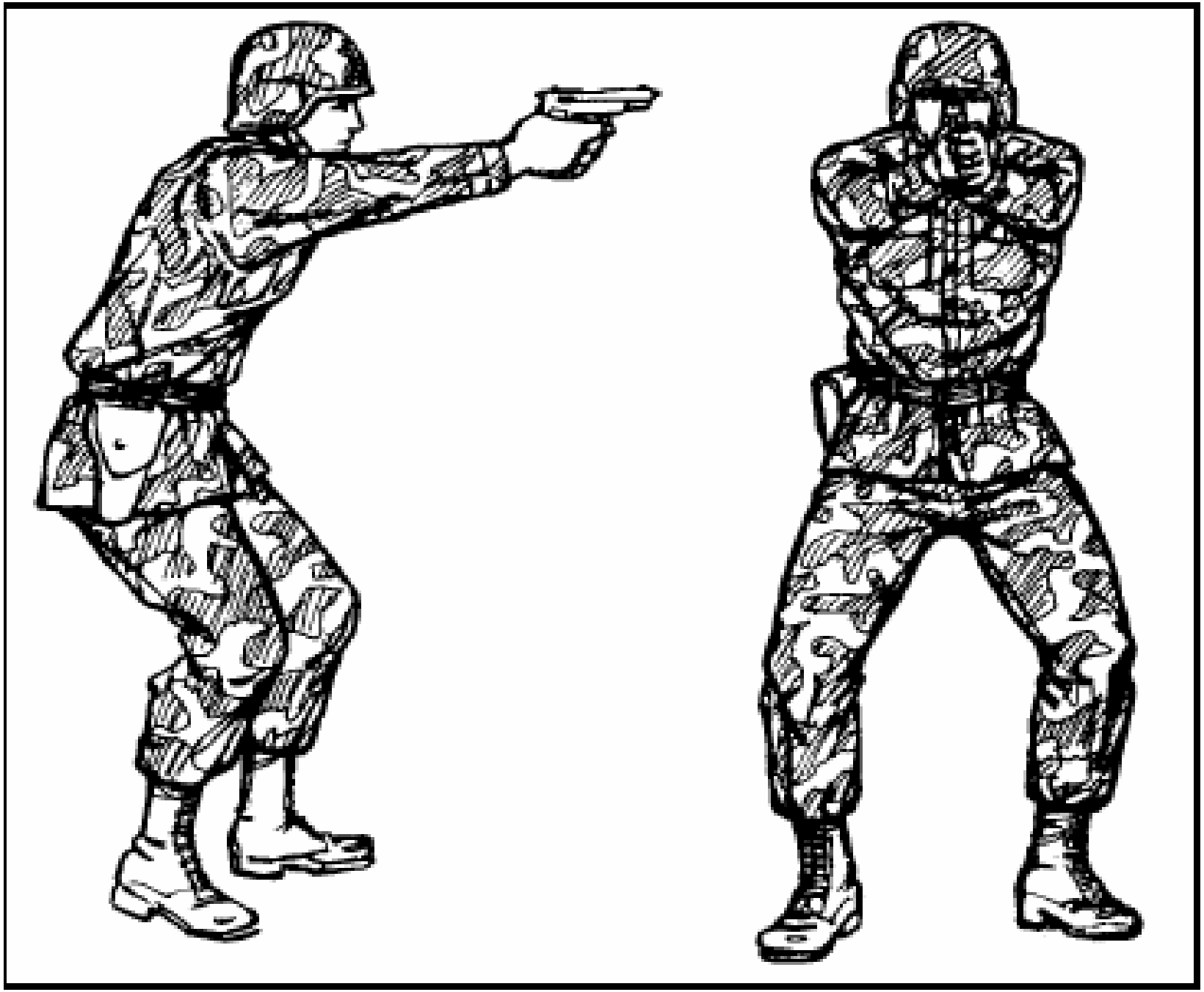


Figure 2-11. Crouch position.

Figure 2-12. Prone position.

SAMPLE SCORE CARD

COMBAT PISTOL QUALIFICATION COURSE SCORECARD

For use of this form, see FM 3-23.35; the proponent agency is TRADOC.

DATA REQUIRED BY PRIVACY ACT OF 1974

AUTHORITY: 10USC30129g/Executive Order 9397.
PRINCIPAL PURPOSES: Records individual's performance on Record Fire Range.
ROUTINE USES: Evaluation of individual's proficiency and basis for determination of award of proficiency badge. The SSN is used for positive identification purposes only.
MANDATORY OR VOLUNTARY DISCLOSURE AND EFFECT ON INDIVIDUAL NOT PROVIDING INFORMATION: Voluntary. Individuals not providing information cannot be rated/scored on a mass basis.

NAME (Last, First, MI)	DATE

LANE NO.	ORDER	GROUP	UNIT	SSN

TABLE I

1 Magazine - 7 Rounds

TIME	TARGET	HITS
3 Seconds	1	
3 Seconds	2	
3 Seconds	3	
3 Seconds	4	
3 Seconds	5	
TOTAL		

TABLE II

1 Magazine - 1 Round
8-second Delay for Magazine Change
1 Magazine - 7 Rounds

TIME	TARGET	HITS
3 Seconds	1	
3 Seconds	2	
5 Seconds	3	
	4	
3 Seconds	5	
3 Seconds	6	
TOTAL		

TABLE III

1 Magazine - 7 Rounds

TIME	TARGET	HITS
3 Seconds	1	
3 Seconds	2	
3 Seconds	3	
5 Seconds	4	
	5	
TOTAL		

TABLE IV

1 Magazine - 5 Rounds

TIME	TARGET	HITS
2 Seconds	1	
2 Seconds	2	
4 Seconds	3	
	4	
TOTAL		

TABLE V

1 Magazine - 1 Round
8-second Delay for Magazine Change
1 Magazine - 7 Rounds
Controlled Magazine Change 1 Magazine - 5 Rounds

TIME	TARGET	HITS
2 Seconds	1	
2 Seconds	2	
4 Seconds	3	
	4	
4 Seconds	5	
	6	
2 Seconds	7	
2 Seconds	8	
4 Seconds	9	
	10	
TOTAL		

TOTAL HITS	
TOTAL SCORE	

QUALIFICATION	
Expert	260
Sharpshooter	210
Marksman	160
Night Fire	GO (5 HITS) NO-GO
NBC Fire	GO (7 HITS) NO-GO

Scorer's Signature _____ Date _____

Officer's Signature _____ Date _____

REMARKS:

NOTE: When the pistol is fired, firers are issued the number of rounds required to fire a specific table. The officer-in-charge of firing establishes procedures for loading and unloading.

??QUESTIONS??